

Virginia Air Board  
c/o Terry Darton  
Air Permit Manager  
13901 Crown Court  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

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Northern Va. Region  
Dept. of Env. Quality

Dear Air Board,

The Mirant Power plant is an important fixture in our community and I am hoping that it will stay that way. The power produced by the plant is essential for supplying our current and ever growing needs. I am happy to hear that the plant is proposing a stack merge project, which will reduce emissions and improve the air quality for those living in this area.

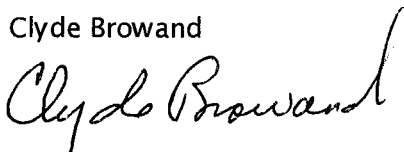
I have lived on the west side of Alexandria since 1967 but am very familiar with the area in and around the plant from the many years my children played on the sports fields there. I understand there has been much construction in the area and that the residents are very concerned with air quality. It is my understanding the project proposed by the plant will cost over \$30 million entirely funded by Mirant and exceed the environmental standards for air quality. This sounds like a plan that will cover our needs now and in the future.

Ensuring we have enough power in the Atlantic grid is going to be difficult as our needs increase. In my neighborhood over the past four months we have been experiencing unexplained blackouts which can last hours. It is my understanding that experts believe we could be subject to the rolling blackouts such as those experienced in California. There is just no way we can consider shutting down a power plant just because we do not like having it in our city.

I am hoping that the Air Board will quickly approve the permit so the improvements can be made at Mirant before the high power demand period that will occur this summer. This plan is a great compromise between environmentalists and those seeing the need for increased power generation. Thank you for your time in reviewing my request.

Thank you for your service,

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